

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) implements North Carolina's school laws and the State Board of Education's policies for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public education. The elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction leads the Department under the policy direction of the State Board of Education.

The agency provides leadership and service to

- the 115 local public school districts
- more than 2,500 traditional public schools,
- more than 150 charter schools,
- three residential schools for students with hearing and visual impairments,
- the NC Virtual Public School and
- the Governor's School.

Broad areas of NCDPI support include:

- Standard Course of Study development;
- curriculum and instruction;
- student testing and school accountability;
- finance;
- teacher and administrator preparation and licensing;
- professional development;
- technology support, including Home Base, a suite of digital tools and learning resources; and
- school business support and operations, including transportation and insurance.

The NCDPI administers annual state and federal public school funds totaling more than \$10 billion and licenses the approximately 120,000 teachers and administrators that serve public schools. The state agency also works closely with nine Regional Education Service Alliances/Consortia and six regional accountability offices.

NCDPI's divisions are supported with state, federal and receipt funding.

Dear North Carolinian,

While the Department of Public Instruction does not teach most of the 1.5 million students in our state, our mission is to do our part to make sure that all students have a successful education experience. Some ways we help: saving teachers and districts time, developing technology systems, bringing partners together to work on our state's needs and securing federal dollars to help North Carolina schools.

NCDPI staff have been master teachers, principals and local school superintendents. Others have deep expertise in technology, finance, transportation, facilities and school design, child nutrition, insurance and more.

Our work is not always directly with students, but it is all about students.

*Sincerely,
June Atkinson
State Superintendent*



NC Department of Public Instruction

Serving Public Schools and Students



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KEY FUNCTIONS

School, District, Standards and Assessment Support

- Develops curriculum, including Career and Technical Education programs
- Monitors K-3 literacy program
- Creates and purchases appropriate student assessments
- Develops and operates school accountability model
- Reports school and district performance
- Operates NC Virtual Public School
- Helps develop and manage cooperative and innovative high schools
- Supports programs for students with disabilities and academically and intellectually gifted students
- Identifies, describes and shares best practices for improving student learning
- Operates the NC Governor's School, a summer program for gifted students

Great Teachers and Leaders

- Licenses educators
- Provides and coordinates professional development
- Develops and implements educator evaluation tools
- Monitors and approves teacher education programs

Facilities

- Ensures school building plans meet required health and safety codes in a cost-effective way
- Insures school facilities

Infrastructure – Technology, Business and Finance

- Ensures proper distribution of more than \$10 billion in state and federal funds including oversight of funding formulas, distribution of funds, cash monitoring and reporting.
- Ensures compliance to state salary schedules, monitoring of all salaries and audit compliance with federal and state financial laws
- Ensures that the state's 13,700 school buses are maintained for safety and efficiency
- Builds technology infrastructure to connect all school districts and support teaching and learning
- Runs statewide student information system, including student transcripts
- Negotiates for lowest possible textbook and digital learning material rates and handles distribution

Federal Grants and Support

- Assists low-performing schools so they can improve
- Monitors and regulates programs for children with disabilities and English language learners
- Oversees federal school breakfast and lunch programs to assure that state and federal nutritional guidelines are met and food is procured to save money and support health
- Oversees all work and reporting for federal grants and programs, including Race to the Top, Exceptional Children, No Child Left Behind/Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Title I), IDEA and others

Miscellaneous

- Monitors and supports public charter schools, including application process, operations, school business practices and governance
- Manages Residential Schools and Early Childhood services for children who are deaf and blind
- Coordinates healthy schools initiatives and efforts to address public health needs in schools
- Maintains ncpublicschools.org website visited by 3 million people annually and serving as a comprehensive information resource
- Responds to public records and public information requests

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